

BAKER WAS THE TIMELY SWATTER

Hard Hitting Third Sacker Sent Home More Than a Hundred Men—Cravath Led in the National League.

DETROIT, Feb. 4.—Philadelphia was the abiding place last season of the two men who led the major leagues in timely hitting. Frank Baker, of the Athletics, having led the Americans in this respect just as Gaby Cravath did the Nationals. J. Franklin hammered home 123 marks in 1913, which was four more than driven over the plate by the fence breaker from California, who ran Jake Daubert, winner of the Chalmers car offered to the National's most valuable player, such a close race for the batting laurels. Baker, like Cravath, was the lone man in the century class in his league in driving in tallies. Derrill Pratt, of the Browns, was the runner-up, just falling short in his attempt to get in the three figure division. The St. Louis infielder added the finishing touches to 98 runs. Third among the timely wall-poppers stood McNinnis, of the White Elephants, with 95 to his credit; fourth, was Jack Barry, also a Mack-man, with 92; fifth, was Sam Crawford, of Detroit, with 90; sixth, was Duffy Lewis of Boston, with 88; seventh, was Joe Jackson of Cleveland, with 84; eighth, was Tris Speaker of Boston, 81; ninth, was Eddie Collins of Philadelphia, with 75, and tenth, was Napoleon Lajoie of Cleveland, with 74. In 1912, then, ten first opportunity hitters were Baker of Philadelphia, with 133; Lewis of Boston with 111; Crawford of Detroit, with 98; McNinnis of Philadelphia, with 103; Speaker of Boston, with 98; Lajoie of Cleveland, with 93; Cobb of Detroit, with 90; Gandall of Washington, with 85, and Gardner of Boston, with 82.

There were only two changes among the team leaders in timely hitting. Baker again excelled for the White Elephants, Gandall of the Senators, Lewis for the Red Sox, Eddie for the White Sox, Pratt for the Browns, and Crawford for the Tigers. Cree supplanting Chase as the Yankee's best willow wielder in the trenches, and Jackson beating out Lajoie for the honor among the Naps. The eight team leaders of 1913 batted in 679 runs, which was 14 more than were driven home by the Athletics, who had the most powerful attack of any American league club.

The Johnnies' abject team of timely hitters for the past season would be of world's championship caliber and would have on it men from every club save New York. Its battery would consist of Walter Johnson of Washington, winner of a Chalmers car, and Ray Schalk of Chicago; McNinnis, Barry and Baker of Philadelphia, and Pratt of St. Louis, would form its infield and Crawford of Detroit, Jackson of Cleveland, and Lewis of Boston, would compose its trio of gardeners.

PITTSBURGH FEDS ARE CLAIMING TWO PLAYERS

Tube Geyer Said to Have Agreed to Terms—Charles McDonald Has Signed Contract.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 4.—It was announced in Federal headquarters today that Tube Geyer of the St. Louis Cardinals had agreed to terms of the Pittsburgh Federal league club and his signed contract is looked for in a day or two from the west, where he is on a hunting trip.

The signing of Charles McDonald of the Boston Nationals is also claimed by the local "outlaws". It is known that Phil Lewis of the Milwaukee American association team, one time shortstop of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is on the verge of hooking up with the Pittsburgh Federals. He came around Monday and had a conference with Acting Pres. Kerr and Secy. McCullough and it is claimed that Lewis will be seen in Pittsburgh Federal uniform this year.

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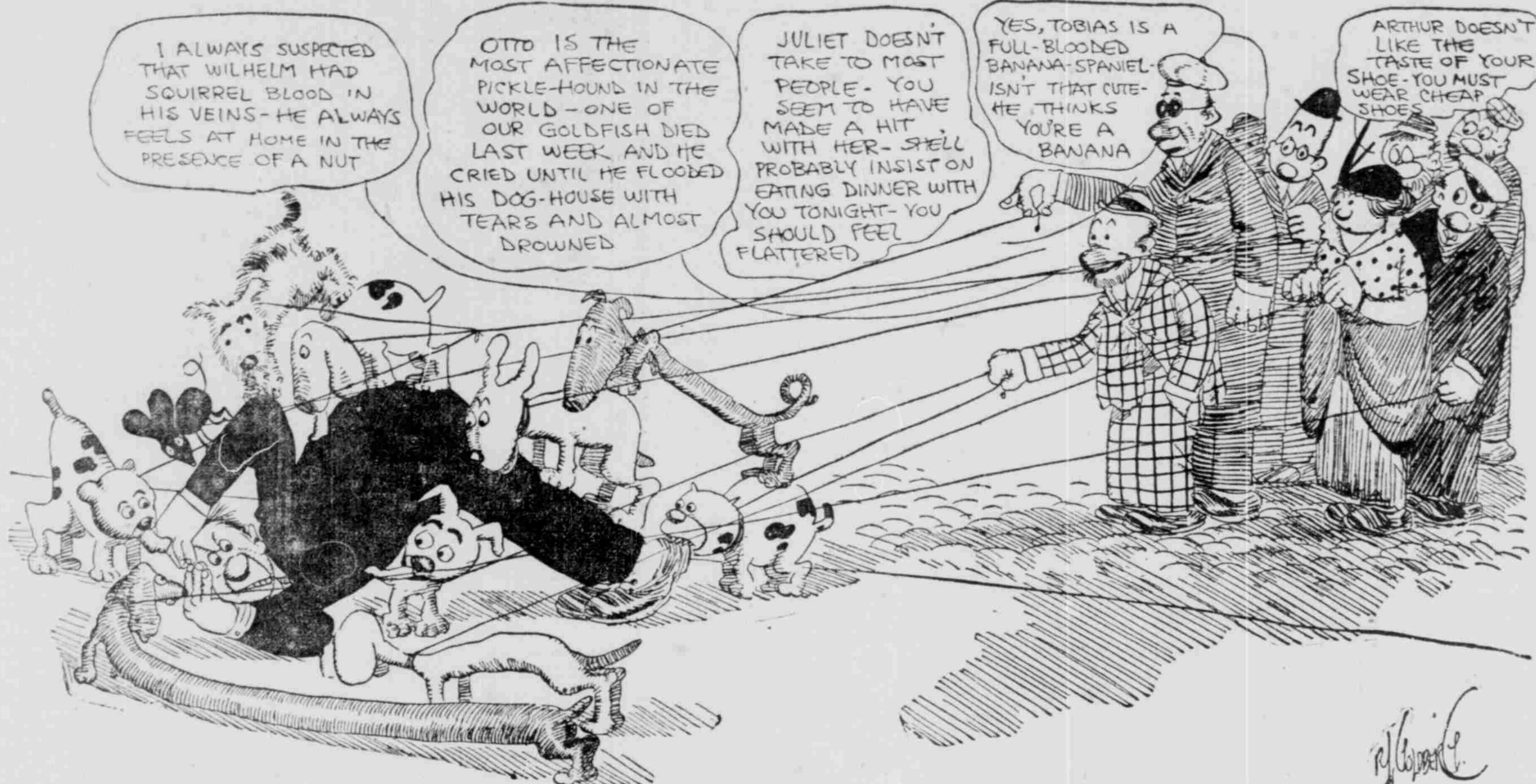
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VARSITY IS WEAK FOR AGGIES GAME

Cahill and Mills Both May be Out of Game When N. D. Tackles the M. A. C. Five at Lansing Tonight.

Though the Notre Dame basketball quintet will enter the M. A. C. fray at East Lansing tonight, handicapped by serious injuries to two of the team's best players, the gold and blue athletes are determined to fight hard to the final whistle to avenge the 40 to seven defeat they sustained last year on the Aggies' floor. Notre Dame took the farmers into camp in the gold and blue gym a short time ago, but the locals were then represented by their strongest team of the season. Since the tilt with M. A. C. the varsity has suffered an irreparable loss, for Capt. Cahill has been forced to quit the court game because of broken nose received in Saturday's battle with Wabash. Then, too, the gold and blue will probably have to do without the services of the stellar "Rupe" Mills upon whom the varsity has depended for most of her baskets.

Mills worked for a short time in yesterday's scrimmage, but his injured ankles made him almost helpless. It is very difficult for the big center to show any speed or aggressiveness with his underpinning in such bad shape. Bergmann and Kenny at the forwards, Gushurst at center and Nowers and Finegan at the guards were the men who started yesterday's scrimmage for the varsity. Bergmann was used at Cahill's forward, while Gushurst was at the pivot position in place of Mills. This quintet worked very well but did not show the speed of the old varsity combination. Cahill's first is a wonder at passing and shooting, but as he has been out only a short time, the playing with the first team is a bit strange for him. "Jimmie" Cahill will have full charge of basketball affairs in the absence of Coach Harper Saturday but Cahill did not accompany the team to Lansing today. Bergmann or Fitzgerald will start the fray in Cahill's place. The following men left yesterday morning for Lansing: Nowers, Kenny, Finegan, Gushurst, Kelleher, Mills, Fitzgerald and Bergmann.

YOUNG SAYLOR GETS DECISION AT SYDNEY

Knocks Out Hughie McEgan in 11 Rounds—Knocked Out Freddie Welsh in Winnipeg.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—A cablegram received by the Australian promoter, "Snowy" Baker, Tuesday conveys the news that Young Saylor of Indianapolis had knocked out Hughie McEgan in Sydney in 11 rounds.

Young Saylor, before he sailed for Australia in company with Ray Bronson and Eddie McGorty, boxed Freddie Welsh in Winnipeg. Saylor knocked out Welsh with what looked like a legitimate solar plexus smash but the blow was declared foul and the referee disqualified him.

Brainy Cubs Manager Foretells Effect of Federals' Raid on Playing End of Game

BY HUGH S. FULLERTON.
Special to The News-Times.

I promised to give the fans an interview with one of the brainiest managers in the country on what he believes the effect of the Federal assault upon the major leagues will be on the playing end of the game. This man is John Evers, second baseman and manager. He thinks the Federal league is a blessing in disguise, so well disguised in fact that his boss, Charlie Murphy, owner of the Chicago Cubs, cannot recognize it. Evers, in declaring it a blessing, ignores the financial, ethical, legal and other viewpoints and regards the Federal merely from the standpoint of its probable effect upon the playing end of the game.

"I believe," says Evers, "if the Federals carry out their plans and manage to establish a third major league, that it will have a marked effect upon baseball. I am not considering the money that will be lost or the cost either to our club or to the major leagues, but am trying to look at it in the light of the fan who wants to see baseball well played. "If the Federals take 100 major league players, which they claim they will, they will be able to put up almost as good an article of baseball as either of the major leagues will. I do not know that they can, or have taken that many, but am figuring on the basis of their own statements. Even if you have that many, they will still be the third league, and are better than the Class A leagues."



Johnny Evers

"If they manage to weaken the major leagues as much as they claim, the majors still will have better clubs. The Federals are after old and tried players, men who can be depended upon to make a good showing the first year at least. They must deliver

major league ball to attract any interest."

"We in the old leagues must fill the gaps with young players. They dare not experiment with youngsters. The result, if they should remain in the field, will be that in two or three years, the stars they take from the major leagues will be worn out and our youngsters will be developed into stars."

"It is the history of baseball. The brotherhood robbed the league of practically all its star players. When the war was over half the stars were done for and the young players had been developed ready to take their places."

"When the American league broke in, it took the stars and for two or three years the American league was stronger than the National. Then the young players of the National developed into stars."

"If this Federal league accomplishes all it says it will do, it still will not be as good as either the American or National league. In two years it will slide back, while the kids we develop will be stars and the Federals will have to develop new material—if they last that long. In a way (ignoring the financial part entirely) a new league might do good along with the harm. All three leagues then would have to devote their time to developing young players—and when the field narrows down to as many clubs as can be supported there will be a larger number of good players to pick from—and better teams."

NAPPANEE SQUAD IS NEXT ON HIGH CARD

Team Will Leave For That City Friday—All Members Show Good in Their Studies.

Coach Metzler is giving the tan and blue basketball squad stiff workouts in preparation for Nappanee, next Friday night. Allen and Van Den Bosch are working regularly at forwards, and are putting the ball through the hoop with wonderful accuracy. Forster has been playing his usual star game at center, and showed up especially strong Tuesday night. Cottrell, Staples and Elbel are showing form at guard and should be able to keep an eye on the Nappanee forwards. The team will leave for Nappanee Friday afternoon, and will not return until Saturday morning, remaining over night in Nappanee. An interesting fact has cropped out in connection with the issuance of grade cards Monday, with reference to the basketball five. Between the six regular members of the squad, Allen, VanDenBosch, Forster, Cottrell, Staples and Elbel, 30.75 was the lowest mark was B.

M'FARLAND MAY NOT FIGHT MIKE GIBBONS

Question of Money and Weight Are Said to be Causing Dispute Between Managers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Because of a dispute over the sum of money to be paid Paeky McFarland for his ten round bout with Mike Gibbons at Peoria, Minn. it is likely that the match will not come off. The affair was called off, it is said, one reason being that Gibbons could not make the weight. Also that Matchmaker Billy Gibson was making a determined effort to land Freddie Welsh and Ad Wolfst for the Feb. 12 date in Madison Square garden. It's a fine mixup all around. The wise ones in this town are offering to bet real coin that Paeky and Mike never meet in actual combat. In the meantime further developments of this "off again, on again" boxing contest will be eagerly awaited in Chicago.

FIGHT IS A SHORT ONE

JACKSON, Mich., Feb. 4.—Mickey Sheridan of Chicago practically knocked out Eddy Ketchell Tuesday night in the first round of a scheduled ten round bout. Two uppercuts forced Ketchell to take the count of nine and the third blow knocked him against the ropes. The referee stopped the fight after two minutes of boxing.

BOWLING SCORES

ANTLERS' LEAGUE.

PRONGS—				
Andrews	139	139	146	424
McClary	109	123	162	394
Bredemus	148	123	145	416
Muessel	175	143	184	502
Knoblock	191	156	187	514
Handicap	132	132	132	396

Totals 894 816 936 2656

TUSKS—

Mason	157	177	175	509
Sedgwick	105	130	120	355
Mountain	150	143	171	464
Goldy	155	172	149	476
Pinch	138	123	96	357
Handicap	197	197	197	591

Totals 902 948 918 2768

ELKS' LEAGUE.

Heinrich	127	124	138	389
Cashner	108	98	111	317
Vieby	120	106	126	352
Kies	150	140	104	394
Schuel	89	136	137	362
Handicap	314	314	314	932

Totals 908 918 930 2756

STAGS—

Sayer	155	123	140	418
Goetz	148	162	130	440
Yena	136	155	171	462
Kingsley	160	182	131	473
Martin	166	178	129	473
Handicap	298	298	298	894

Totals 974 1009 910 2893

C. A. C. LEAGUE.

S. B. Robinson	192	182	210	584
Hager	157	194	177	528
Moredock	177	158	156	491
Campbell	172	170	179	521
Holland	166	176	155	497
Handicap	27	27	27	81

Totals 874 927 904 2702

GIANTS—

W. Stedman	149	139	164	452
Whitcomb	140	129	187	456
J. F. Christman	142	91	117	350
Moon	136	156	189	481
Ash	119	181	132	432
Handicap	157	157	157	471

Totals 843 833 947 2623

STUDEBAKER LEAGUE.

REACHES—				
Dexter	144	177	190	511
Paxton	106	145	118	369
Peters	105	163	131	399
Eby	145	145	164	454
Gunter	138	145	109	452
Handicap	193	193	193	579

Totals 821 968 975 2764

HUBS—

M. Studabaker	122	168	179	469
W. Studabaker	109	122	164	395
Hobbs	182	161	143	486
Brugner	146	177	125	448
Raab	176	151	130	457
Handicap	170	170	170	510

Totals 905 949 911 2765

C. A. C. BOWLERS IN TIGHT RACE

McLean and Romine Lead in Individual Scores With Averages Better Than 200 Each.

The race in the Commercial Athletic club bowling league continues neck and neck, with the C. A. C. team and the Giants tied for first place, each team having won six and lost three games, with percentages of .666. Two teams are tied for second position, three for third place, and the Tigers hold the cellar with two games won and seven lost.

Here is the standing:
Tot. Pins W. L. Pct.
C. A. C. 8024 8 3 .666
Giants 7802 8 3 .666
Athletic 8156 5 4 .555
Stars 8187 5 4 .555
Cubs 8485 4 5 .444
Colts 7909 4 5 .444
Singers 8019 4 5 .444
Tigers 7662 2 7 .222

In the individuals McLean heads the list with percentage of .297.5 although Romine who follows with .293, is admitted the real leader, because of having rolled more games. McLean has rolled but two games, totalling 415 pins with a handicap of 35, while Romine rolled 12 games, totalling 2436 pins with a handicap of 15.

Here are the figures:
Individual H'd'p G. P. Av.
McLean 35 2 415 207.5
Romine 15 12 2436 203.
Weaver 5 1 198 198.
Solarek 27 14 2751 196.5
Prayne 15 4 777 194.2
Keeny 20 15 2517 193.7
Gentile 20 2 358 179.
Marquis 35 9 1711 190.1
Campbell 5 15 2845 189.7
Adler 15 3 565 188.3
Kaufman 28 9 1681 186.7
Ash 42 9 1649 185.2
Cover 5 9 1649 185.4
Hibbard 42 4 741 185.2
Holland 8 9 1654 184.9
Varier 25 5 487 185.7
Zidler 28 6 1104 184.
Collip 6 6 1103 183.8
Vesey 50 4 735 183.7
Harlin 19 15 2750 183.3
Robson, S. M. 20 9 1649 183.2
Robson, S. B. 6 12 2186 182.1
Palmer 28 9 1636 181.7
Faubert 35 5 899 179.8
Collins 12 3 537 179.
Gentile 20 2 358 179.
White 25 6 1053 175.5
Hoffman 27 6 1053 175.5
Murdock 29 5 865 173.
Blager 8 8 1025 172.5
Bonds 135 10 1725 172.5
Moon 20 6 1029 171.5

SEEING A LIGHT IN TERRE HAUTE

Village Wakes Up to the Value of Women as Baseball Fans and Will Reserve a Section For Them.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 4.—The Terre Haute Baseball Co. is planning to make a special effort next season to interest the women in baseball. Heretofore the women have been welcome, but there has not been any effort to make their welcome a comfortable and convenient one.

This season the management, realizing the value of the presence of the fair fans, is going to make a special effort to make the comfort and convenience of the ladies a vital matter.

First, they are to be given a real ball club to look at and enthuse over. Then, during the week a section of the grandstand is to be set aside for the women who are with or without escorts. A man, unless accompanied by a woman, will be unwelcome in this section. The section for the fair sex will have the special attention of the park force and it will be comfortable and clean, with emphasis on the clean. Cushions may be provided for the "women at week-day games."

The two days, Tuesday and Friday, which are the days set aside by the league, are to be known as ladies' days. On these days ladies will be admitted to the park free. A woman attendant will be on hand these two days and a neat clean rest room will be provided.

BRIDWELL IS NOW A FED

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 4.—Mordcael Brown, manager of the St. Louis Federal league baseball club, passed through here Tuesday enroute to his home. Brown admitted that he had signed "Al" Bridwell, former shortstop of the Chicago Nationals, but would not admit for how long or for how much salary.

Thomas	27	2	342	171.
Tuttle	20	9	1537	170.8
Brugger	11	7	1181	168.7
Moredock	16	15	2496	166.4
Osborne	25	4	4398	166.2
Hausman	2	9	1636	161.
Stedman	25	6	973	162.1
Coquillard	35	3	1172	157.3
Schneider	5	6	955	155.8
Flanagan	25	5	487	155.7
Parshall	50	4	621	155.2
Christman	45	6	897	149.5
Lee	40	9	1309	145.4
Schuel	45	3	406	133.3

PLENTY OF MEN FOR PLACES ON TIGER INFIELD

Del Gainer, Former Central Leaguer Has Not Signed Contract—Several Are Anxious to Fill His Shoes.

DETROIT, Feb. 4.—There will be real battles for three of the regular places on the Tiger team this spring. That is to say, three infield positions must be considered open, and if two or more be candidates for each of them display any sort of real ability, it will be a case of fight to the last ditch. Possibly this statement might be qualified by saying that George Moriarty is practically certain of either first or third base, but that it is by no means sure which position he will be assigned to when Jennings comes to make up the batting order for the opening game.

First, second and third are the jobs for which there will be a scramble. There are plenty of candidates for each, and on the winter dope, it looks as though Hughie might have to exercise the proverbial wisdom of Solomon in making his final selections. For first base, Moriarty, Gainer, Burns and Heilman are eligible, assuming that Gainer signs up. All of the others are in with their contracts and will make the southern trip. Pipp has been sold on an optional agreement to the Port Wayne club but will be taken south for the training trip as Jennings wants to look him over thoroughly.

Second base, which was a yawning hole in the Detroit infield most of 1913, has three candidates at least and possibly four. V.H. Baumann and Fitzsimmons are newcomers to this position, while Kavanaugh probably could play it in a pinch. V.H. looks the best of the lot. If the little Californian can keep in good health and pick up some weight he should develop into a very capable performer, though probably not a star.

If Moriarty is not needed on first base there will be three strong candidates for third, the other two being Billy Purcell and Mike Kavanaugh. Moriarty's ability around the hot corner is well known here. He is a fair third sacker and nothing more. But with all his awkwardness in fielding he has such a wonderful arm that he can cover up a lot of his fumbles by his great throws. He is a good man in touching runners and is dead game.

Both Purcell and Kavanaugh come to Detroit with fine minor league records behind them. Billy led the International league third sacker in fielding last season, while Mike was at the top of the Tri-State battlers, though his fielding average of .967 does not compare with Purcell's .966. Purcell for that matter was by no means a weak bat, having a percentage of .307 for 24 games.

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